

BiH businessmen discuss the Law on indirect taxation

Customs Reform Prevents Grey Economy in BiH

*The current system is an obstacle for business development and arrival of foreign investors *Businessmen think that the economic system can be more unified*

BiH Businessmen supported on Tuesday the new Law on indirect taxation, although they think it did not fully unify the country's economic space. At the forum on reform of customs system, organized by the US Embassy in BIH, CAFAO, Bulldozer Committee and the American Trade Chamber, businessmen concluded that the new indirect taxation system would reduce the gray economy and enable better business.

Double tax

Businessmen confirmed that the current system only creates roadblocks for business development and arrival of foreign investments.

"It takes seven days for *Coca Cola* branch in Tuzla to sell products to a company in Bijeljina. Both *Cocal Cola* and this company must obtain several seals from competent tax administrations and pay taxes in both entities," **Fuad Strik**, director of Coca Cola explained. He submitted evidence that the current customs system enabled development of the gray economy. Strik said that Coca Cola cans are sold in BiH for one KM, although this is unrealistic price.

"This Coca-Cola is mostly imported from Hungary and it covers 30% of BiH market. If importers really paid customs and taxes, the price could not be so low," he said.

Members of the Indirect Taxation Commission that created the new customs system explained businessmen advantages of the new system.

Jolly Dickson, Chairman of the Commission said that politics and politicians greatly influenced customs so far and that new regulations disable any political manipulation. Businessmen observed that the way of decision making on customs policy, which depends on entity and state ministers of finance still allows

politics to affect customs and business, but the head of CAFAO, Alan Jensen said that this would not be the case. Dickson also said that there would no longer be three customs systems in BiH that currently create unfair competition and grab the money.

VAT introduction

BiH businessmen are interested in VAT introduction and think that taxpayers should be equally taxed in the whole country. **Srecko Boras**, member of the Bulldozer Committee Herzegovina presented an example of ethyl alcohol: tax is paid in the RS, and in FBiH is not and vice versa.

Anti-corruption fight

The US Ambassador, Clifford Bond also supported the customs reform and said that this was one of the most important reforms, not just for the business community but for citizens as well.

"The reform will help single business and anti-corruption fight," Bond said.

Bosanskohercegovački privrednici o Zakonu o indirektnom oporezivanju

Reforma carina sprečava sivu ekonomiju u BiH

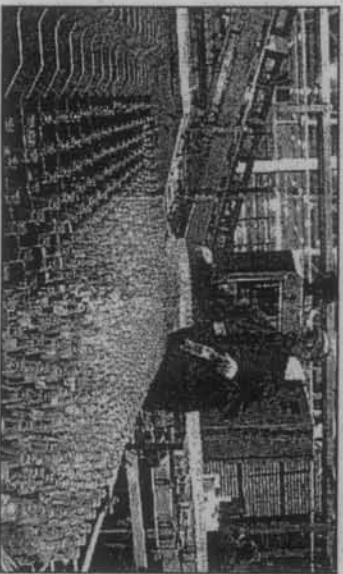
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● Privrednici misle da ekonomski sistem može biti i više ujedinen

Bh. privrednici podržali su u utorak novi Zakon o indirektnom oporezivanju, iako smatraju da on nije do kraja ujedinio ekonomski prostor zemlje. Na forumu o reformi carinskog sistema, koji su organizirali američka ambasada u BiH, CAFAO, Buldožer komisija i američka Trgovačka komora, privrednici su konstatairali da će novi sistem indirektnog oporezivanja smanjiti sivu ekonomiju i omogućiti bolje poslovanje.

Dvostruki porez

Sadašnji sistem, potvrdili su privrednici, samo je prepreka razvoju biznisa i dolasku stranih investitora.



Poslovanje Coca-Cole bilo bi bolje da nije sivog tržišta

"Sedam dana potrebno je poslovnici Coca-Cole Tuzla da proda robu firmi iz Bijeljine. I Coca-Cola i ova firma moraju nabaviti nekoliko pečata nedležnih poreskih institucija i platiti porez u oba entiteta", pojasnio je problemne koje imaju privre-

dnici Fuad Strik, direktor Coca-Cole.

On je ponudio dokaz da je sadašnji carinski sistem omogućio razvoj sive ekonomije. Strik je kazao da se u BiH prodaju limenke Coca-Cole koje koštaju jednu marku, iako je to nerealna cijena.

"Ta Coca-Cola se uvozi najčešće iz Madarske zauzima 30 odsto bh. tržišta. Da su uvoznici zaista platili carine i poreze, cijena ne bi mogla biti tolika" kazao je.

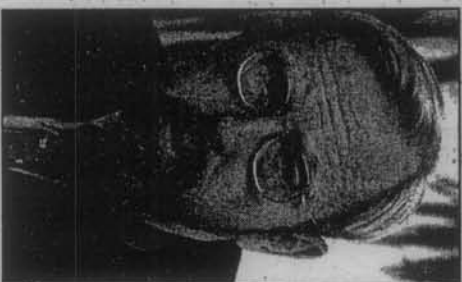
Članovi Komisije za indirektno oporezivanje koja je zakonski kreirale novi carinski sistem, pojašnjali su privrednicima prednosti novog sistema. Džoli Dikson, predsjednik Komisije, kazao je da su politika i političari imali veliki uticaj na carine dosada, te da je novim propisima onemogućena politička manipulacija.

Privrednici su primijetili da način odlučivanja o carinskoj politici, koji zavisi od dogovora entitetskih

Borba protiv korupcije

Carinsku reformu podržao je i američki ambasador Kliford Bond, koji je kazao da je to jedna od najvažnijih reformi ne samo za poslovnu zajednicu, nego i građane.

"Reforma će pomoći jedinstvenom poslovanju i borbi protiv korupcije", rekao je Bond.



Kliford Bond



Fuad Strik

i državnog ministra finansija, i dalje dopušta politici da utiče na carine i bilizise, ali je šef CAFAO Alen Jensen kazao da tako neće biti. Dikson je rekao i da više neće biti tri carinska sistema u BiH koja sada čine neljalnu

Uvođenje PDV-a

Bh. privrednici zainteresirani su za uvođenje PDV, te smatraju da potrebni obveznici trebaju

biti jednako oporezovani u cijeloj zemlji. Srećko Boras, član Buldožer komisije iz Hercegovine, iznio je primjer etil alkohola: porez se plaća u RS, a ne plaća u FBiH i obrnuto.

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